



RESPLENDENT IN REGAL ROBES . . . is Queen Mary Ellen, who will reign over civic festivities for one year. Pictured, left to right are: Miss Carlotta Dean, retiring queen and the members of the new court, the Misses Marie Kelton, Beverly Mauk and Beverly Crook. (Staff Photo).

### Pre-nuptial Shower Is Arranged For Mary Ruth Leech

Miss Mary Ruth Leech, bride-elect of Fred H. Mumby, of Inglewood, was complimented when her associates on the faculty of Fern avenue school, entertained at dinner in her honor Wednesday evening at a Long Beach tea room.

Following the presentation of handsome pieces of sterling silver, the group adjourned to the Fern avenue home of Mrs. Dorothy Hodges for an evening of games.

Individual gifts, supposedly white elephant packages to be used in the games, were unwrapped to reveal their true contents—useful and decorative gifts intended for the new home of the bride-elect.

Present were Miss Leech and her fiancé, and Messrs. and Mrs. A. N. Posner, Joseph Balloch, Del Thomas, Estel Cleve, Harold Winson, Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Markham, Misses Lois Gongwer, Dorothy Hodges, Edna Wright, Emily Young, Floy Boland, Helen Selover, the Misses Pat Clere, Sidney Young, Maxine Hoyle, Veda and Venus Knoll and Abe Milstein.

### Coronation Of Queen Is Climax To Annual Fiesta

Coronation of Mary Ellen Crawford as "Miss Torrance of 1948" took place at 9:30 p.m. last Friday evening in Torrance Woman's Clubhouse as a climax to the Torrance Juniors annual fiesta. Mrs. J. P. Montague, president, presented Mrs. L. A. McCoy, Ways and Means chairman, who in turn introduced the queen and her court.

Miss Carlotta Dean, "Miss Torrance of 1947" placed the crown on Miss Crawford's head and Mrs. McCoy gave her an engraved gold trophy from Torrance Juniors and presented all of the contestants with their gifts which had been donated by local merchants.

Sponsored by Torrance Lion's Club, the queen was lovely in white taffeta with an orchid corsage. Donna Mauk, the gracious 2030 Club candidate, was crowned in flowered silk. Beverly Crook, the Optimist's charming choice, chose pink chiffon, and Marie Kelton, the VFW candidate, was beautifully gowned in white chiffon. Each

### PTA Newsette Contest Ends

Mrs. John Garner, Torrance, Tenth District PTA newsette chairman, is in charge of the Newsette contest being conducted by the district which closes June 15. Judging will take place between 11 a.m. and 12 noon at Central Administration auditorium, 451 No. Hill St., Los Angeles. Entries will be received as early as 9:30 a.m. and no later than 10:15 a.m. on that day.

Judges are to be Mrs. Bess Wilson, newspaper editor; Mrs. C. S. Heiser, secretary to the state PTA president; and L. B. Hamshaw.

Four classifications, with the first subdivided into four groups, will offer 22 ribbon awards. \* \* \*

### Oklahomans To Picnic

William G. Condon, president of Oklahoma State Society, announces an all-day picnic Sunday, May 30, at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. A fine program will be presented by Western Stars, famous western orchestra, and Indians in tribal costume. Col. Ted Davis will introduce Teddy Ginn—the Oklahoma Indian with the "million dollar voice." Boone Hazlett, an Oklahoma Indian, will be master of ceremonies. \* \* \*

### Club Speaker Arranges Baskets Of Fuchsias

Jack Ven Tula of Los Angeles told members of the Lomita Fuchsia club how to fill wire baskets for getting hanging fuchsias and explained details on care of fuchsias and answered many questions Thursday night when he was guest speaker at the local club.

Mrs. Helen Gracia, program chairman, introduced the evening's speaker and Mrs. Raymond Lee reported the business which took place at the last meeting of the California Fuchsia Society and election of officers.

Mrs. J. Bader, presided and gave a report on the progress of the Garden Fairland Flower Show which the club will sponsor at Narbonne High School June 26 and 27.

Door prizes went to Mrs. Clara Dolittle and Max Schatz. Mrs. Clara Johnson of Winnipeg, Canada, was admitted to membership and birthdays honored were Mrs. Max Schatz and Marjorie Krog.

Mrs. Bader expressed appreciation for the many plants which members brought for the plant sale. At the next meeting Maria Wilkes will speak on "Moss Walls." \* \* \*

### Royal Neighbors Report Variety Of Recent Affairs

Torrance Camp Royal Neighbors of America, will hold formal initiation Tuesday, June 1 at 8 p.m., in Torrance Woman's clubhouse.

Past Oracles are reminded of the Oracles meeting, set for Monday evening, May 31.

Neighbor Lottie Phillips has returned from Torrance Memorial Hospital where she had been treated, and is now well enough to receive callers.

Neighbor Mary West, of Lomita, has been called to San Diego by the illness of her mother.

Neighbors Benny, Louise and Orris Bankston and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bankston, of Gardena, enjoyed a recent surprise visit from an aunt from the east, whom the young people had never seen. Ionia Steele, publicity chairman. \* \* \*

### Piano Pupils of Mrs. Hocott In Recent Recital

Piano pupils of Mrs. Richard P. Hocott were presented in recital at First Baptist church earlier this month.

Participating in the delightful program were: Mary Beth Ady, Jean Newkirk, Joan and Jerry Neely, Gail and Carol Davis, Mary Schott, Sharon Felker, Babs Hazzard, Judy and Marca Wright, Jeannette Harris, Mary Lou and Edward Hutchinson, Roberta Robinette, Sandra Smith, Bruce Stanford, Barbara Stout, Marilyn Saine, Janet Atwood, Charlene St. Martin, Charlotte Anderson, Joan Boss, Frank Navarro, Helen McBride and Marion McDonald. \* \* \*

### WAY TO SPOIL A TRIP

Back seat driving is simply one form of bickering, and nothing is less conducive to an enjoyable trip. It is unpleasant as well as distinctly dangerous at any time, but it is particularly obnoxious on a long trip ostensibly entered upon for pleasure and relaxation.

### Townsend Club No. 1 Announces Birthday Observance Friday

Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 will sponsor a birthday party in Torrance Woman's clubhouse tomorrow evening.

To be featured are bunco and old time and modern dancing. Bunco will begin at 7:30 and music for dancing will be provided from 8:15 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.

### FLEET RESERVE AND LADIES' CLUB TO MEET JUNE 3

The Ladies Social Club of the Fleet Reserve, Lomita branch No. 41, will meet at the home of the secretary, Mrs. H. J. Dupsk, 2444 W. 254th street Thursday night, June 3 at 8 o'clock.

On the same evening the members of the Fleet Reserve will meet at the home of their president, C. F. Edwards, 1828 Middlebrook, Kettler Knolls.

### High School PTA To Seat Officers Tuesday, June 1

The regular monthly meeting of the Torrance High School PTA will be held June 1 at 2:30 o'clock in the school library.

Officers who will serve the association during the ensuing year will be installed in an impressive ceremony. A cordial invitation is extended to all parents and friends to attend.

### CLEBURNE PHIPPS TO LEAVE SOON FOR OVERSEAS

Pfc. Cleburne Phipps, en route to Hamilton Field, where he will prepare for overseas duty, is enjoying 24 days furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Phipps, of 621 Cota avenue.

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### Mrs. I. O. Kasten Is Hostess to PTA At Luncheon Meet

Fern Avenue PTA executive board members were honored at a luncheon arranged Thursday afternoon by Mrs. I. O. Kasten, auditor, at her home on Acacia avenue.

Following the business meeting A. N. Posner, school principal and second vice president, and Mrs. Posner, a special guest, were recipients of a handsome pyracanthus plant for their home.

Pastel blossoms decorated the rooms and the tables where a delicious luncheon was served. \* \* \*

### Myrna Fossum Named Social Chairman Of Whittier Juniors

Myrna Lou "Mikki" Fossum, daughter of Dr. O. E. Fossum, 1821 Cota, Torrance, has been elected social chairman of the 1948-49 junior class at Whittier College, it was announced yesterday.

Miss Fossum, a graduate of Torrance High School in 1946, was freshman class social chairman, and is a Whittier College song leader and a member of the Physical Education club.

While in high school, Miss Fossum was active in the Girls Athletic Association, Journalism, and dramatics, and an Ephemian. \* \* \*

### Family Group Reports Motor Trip To Erie

At home following a three weeks motor trip are Mrs. J. B. Miles, her mother Mrs. Eva Whitney and her sister Miss Beverly Whitney. The ladies had accompanied Mrs. T. L. Parker, another sister of Mrs. Miles, to Davenport, Iowa, where she rejoined her husband, a student at chiropractic school there. Leaving Davenport the vacationers motored to Erie, Pa. and other eastern points of interest, where they visited relatives and friends.